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Dave McEntee  
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Simpson Tacoma Kraft Company, LLC  
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Dear Mr. McEntee:

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and members of your team on April 3 to discuss the sale of the Simpson Tacoma Kraft mill to RockTenn, and Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit issues.

Ecology is committed to help ensure a speedy resolution to all remaining concerns with the permit.

Ecology has worked closely with Simpson to amend the PSD permit for Power Boiler #7 since January 2010 when we were first notified that there was a problem with the nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions limit. After many discussions with EPA, Ecology continues to believe that our proposed permit amendment is fully consistent with EPA PSD regulations and guidance (including the Ogden memo).

I am optimistic that current discussions between Simpson and EPA will finally resolve the NOx limit question for Power Boiler #7 in a timely and satisfactory way for all.

Please contact me or Jeff Johnston on my staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Stuart A. Clark  
Air Quality Program Manager  
Washington State Department of Ecology

cc: Maia Bellon, Director  
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